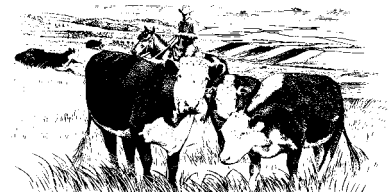


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## CALIFORNIA CATTLE ON FEED

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in California feedlots totaled 370 thousand head on June 1, 1999, 1 percent below last month and June 1998. During May, placements of 55.0 thousand head were 10 percent above the previous year. Marketings of 50.0 thousand head were 25 percent above May 1998. Other disappearance totaled 10.0 thousand head.

pounds were 425 thousand, 700-799 pounds were 717 thousand, and 800 pounds and greater were 607 thousand. Marketings of fed cattle during May totaled 1.99 million, 1 percent above 1998, but 4 percent below 1997. Other disappearance totaled 99.0 thousand during May, 6 percent above 1998, but 15 percent below 1997.

## U.S. CATTLE ON FEED UP 3 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States in 1,000+ capacity feedlots totaled 9.98 million head on June 1, 1999. The inventory was 3 percent above June 1, 1998 and 4 percent above June 1, 1997. Placements in feedlots during May totaled 2.04 million, slightly above 1998 and 9 percent above 1997. Net placements were 1.94 million. During May, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 290 thousand, 600-699

## CATTLE ON FEED UP 3 PERCENT IN HISTORIC SEVEN STATES

Cattle on feed in the historic seven states for 1,000+ capacity feedlots totaled 8.54 million on June 1, 1999, up 3 percent from the previous year and 4 percent above June 1, 1997. Placements in feedlots during May totaled 1.72 million, 1 percent below 1998, but 7 percent above 1997. Marketings during May totaled 1.69 million, slightly above 1998, but 6 percent below 1997. Other disappearance during May was 73.0 thousand head, 12 percent above 1998, but 9 percent below 1997.

## CATTLE AND CALVES ON FEED IN 1,000+ CAPACITY FEEDLOTS IN SEVEN SELECTED STATES

State	Number On Feed May 1 1/			Placed During May		Marketed During May	
	1998	1999	1999/1998	1998	1999	1998	1999
	Thousand Head						
Arizona	205	208	101	45	30	31	26
California	370	375	101	50	55	40	50
Colorado	970	1,120	115	195	180	175	200
Iowa	310	350	113	30	38	50	55
Kansas	2,020	1,970	98	420	470	440	420
Nebraska	2,000	2,120	106	260	330	440	430
Texas	2,420	2,430	100	740	620	505	505
Seven-State Total	8,295	8,573	103	1,740	1,723	1,681	1,686
State	Other Disappearance During May 2/		Number On Feed June 1		1999/1998		
	1998	1999	1998	1999			
	Thousand Head					Percent	
Arizona	5	5	214	207	97		
California	5	10	375	370	99		
Colorado	10	10	980	1,090	111		
Iowa	0	3	290	330	114		
Kansas	10	10	1,990	2,010	101		
Nebraska	20	20	1,800	2,000	111		
Texas	15	15	2,640	2,530	96		
Seven-State Total	65	73	8,289	8,537	103		

<sup>1/</sup> Cattle and calves on feed are animals being fed for slaughter market on grain or other concentrates, and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

<sup>2/</sup> Includes death losses, movement from feedlot to pastures and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

## CALIFORNIA COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER

California production of red meat during May 1999 totaled 85.4 million pounds (dressed weight), 5 percent below last month, but 6 percent above May 1998. This figure includes slaughter in Federally-inspected and State-inspected plants, but excludes slaughter done on farms. In May 1999, the average live weight of cattle slaughtered was 1,246 pounds; calves, 149 pounds; and hogs, 219 pounds.

## U.S. RED MEAT PRODUCTION UP VEAL AND LAMB AND MUTTON SET RECORD LOWS

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.60 billion pounds in May, up 1 percent from the 3.58 billion pounds produced in May 1998.

May 1998 and 1999 both contained 21 weekdays (including one holiday) and five Saturdays.

Beef production, at 2.15 billion pounds, was 1 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.00 million head, up 1 percent from 1998. The average live weight, at 1,188 pounds, was unchanged from the previous year.

Veal production totaled 17.0 million pounds, 10 percent below the previous record low for May set a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 89.0 thousand head, down 12 percent from May 1998. The average live weight was 9 pounds above last year to 311 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.42 billion pounds, down slightly from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 7.44 million head, 2 percent below 1998. The average live weight was 3 pounds above the previous year at 259 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 18.0 million pounds, was down 7 percent from the previous record low for May set in 1998. Sheep slaughter totaled 270 thousand head, 4 percent below last year. The average live weight was 135 pounds, down 4 pounds from May a year ago.

January - May red meat production was 18.8 billion pounds, 3 percent higher than the comparable figure a year earlier. Accumulated beef production was 3 percent higher than last year; veal, down 16 percent; pork, up 3 percent; and lamb and mutton were down 6 percent.

## COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER, MAY 1998-99 1/

Species and Location	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999
	1,000 Head		1,000 Pounds		Pounds	
<b>CATTLE</b>						
California	79.6	79.5	98,612	98,998	1,240	1,246
U.S. Total	2,957.2	2,997.3	3,512,385	3,559,868	1,188	1,188
<b>CALVES</b>						
California	12.3	9.7	1,412	1,440	115	149
U.S. Total	101.7	89.2	30,698	27,765	302	311
<b>SHEEP &amp; LAMBS</b>						
California	---	---	---	---	---	---
U.S. Total	280.8	270.0	38,989	36,431	139	135
<b>HOGS</b>						
California	169.8	190.3	36,177	41,595	213	219
U.S. Total	7,571.2	7,438.3	1,936,147	1,930,047	256	259
<b>RED MEAT</b>	May 1998	April 1999 2/	May 1999	May 99 May 98	May 99 Apr. 99	
	Million Pounds			Percent		
California	80.3	89.7	85.4	106	95	
U.S. Total	3,580.1	3,823.5	3,603.9	101	94	

1/ Farm slaughter excluded.

2/ Revised figures for April 1999 total.

## AVERAGE FARM PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS, CALIFORNIA AND U.S. 1/

Commodity	Unit	California			United States		
		May 1998	April 1999	May 15, 1999	May 1998	April 1999	May 15, 1999
		Dollars					
All Hay, Baled 2/	Ton	105.00	98.00	98.00	102.00	81.90	91.60
Alfalfa, Baled 2/	Ton	107.00	101.00	102.00	107.00	85.60	95.70
Hogs 2/ 3/	Cwt.	---	---	---	42.30	30.20	37.00
Cows 2/	Cwt.	35.50	35.70	36.20	36.40	35.10	36.30
Steers and Heifers 2/	Cwt.	64.00	63.00	62.50	66.30	66.00	64.50
Calves 2/	Cwt.	73.50	76.00	74.00	88.90	88.20	87.20
Sheep 2/	Cwt.	30.00	31.50	29.00	30.30	31.80	---
Lambs 2/	Cwt.	63.00	68.00	83.00	63.00	67.40	---
Milk Cows 4/	Head	---	1,340.00	---	---	1,240.00	---
All Milk Wholesale 2/	Cwt.	12.95	12.50	12.20	13.30	12.60	12.90

1/ The estimated prices in the table represent composite average prices received by farmers and are averages for all grades, classes, and methods of sale of each commodity for the State and U.S. as a whole.

2/ Previous month revised to monthly average.

3/ Price includes barrows, gilts, and sows.

4/ Animals sold for dairy herd replacement only. Prices published January, April, July and October.

### U.S. HOG INVENTORY DOWN 3 PERCENT

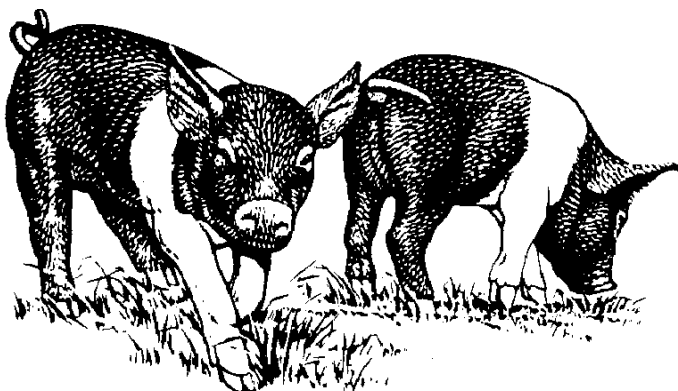
U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on June 1, 1999 was 60.5 million head. This was 3 percent below June 1998, but 1 percent above March 1, 1999.

Breeding inventory, at 6.52 million head, was down 6 percent from June 1, 1998, but virtually unchanged from March 1, 1999. Market hog inventory, at 54.0 million head, was 2 percent below last year, but 1 percent above last quarter.

The March-May 1999 U.S. pig crop, at 26.3 million head, was 3 percent less than 1998, but 4 percent more than 1997. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.99 million head, 3 percent below last year. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 46 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs per litter rose to an average of 8.80 pigs saved per litter for the March-May period, compared to 8.75 pigs last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.80 for operations with 1-99 hogs to 9.00 for operations with more than 5.00 thousand hogs and pigs.

U.S. hog producers intend to have 2.94 million sows farrow during the June-August 1999 quarter, 4 percent below the actual farrowings during the same period in 1998, but virtually unchanged from 1997. Intended farrowings for September-November 1999, at 2.87 million sows, are 4 percent below the same period last year and 2 percent below 1997.

The total number of hogs under contract, owned by operations with more than 5.00 thousand head, but raised by contractees, accounted for 30 percent of the total U.S. hog inventory.



U.S. HOG AND PIG INVENTORY, JUNE 1, 1997-99

Item	1997	1998	1999	1999/1997	1999/1998
	1,000 Head			Percent	
June 1 Inventory					
All Hogs And Pigs	57,366	62,213	60,536	106	97
Kept For Breeding	6,789	6,958	6,515	96	94
Market	50,577	55,254	54,020	107	98
Market Hogs And Pigs					
By Weight Groups:					
Under 60 Pounds	19,988	21,482	20,502	103	95
60-119 Pounds	12,574	13,711	13,331	106	97
120-179 Pounds	10,002	11,084	11,021	110	99
180 Pounds And Over	8,013	8,978	9,167	114	102